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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Mr. Thomas M. Dorman Executive Director Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard P. O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602

Re:

Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

Seeking Resolution of Third Party Transit Traffic Issues

KPSC 2003-00045

Dear Mr. Dorman:

This is to advise that the parties, including the Independent Telephone Group ("ITG") and other independent telephone companies, ALLTEL and TDS Telecom, as well as the CMRS providers and BellSouth, have held several conference calls and meetings in a continuing effort to reach a settlement of the issues in this proceeding. Although the parties have not yet reached agreement on a final settlement document, the parties have been negotiating in good faith and believe that an additional extension until September 19, 2003, may allow all parties to submit a final settlement agreement to the Commission. Accordingly, we respectfully request an extension until September 19 for the independent telephone companies, CMRS providers, and BellSouth to either submit a final proposed settlement or to request a procedural schedule be issued in this case. It is my understanding that no objections have been made to the filing of this request and that AT&T Wireless, Sprint PCS, Cingular and Verizon Wireless all concur in the request. Mr. Selent has authorized me to sign his name as counsel to ITG.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely

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